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SPAIN – Logistics Support for Leased AH-64A Apache Helicopters

On 25 September 2002, the Defense Security Cooperation Agency notified Congress of a possible Foreign Military Sale to Spain of logistics support for six leased AH-64A Apache helicopters as well as associated equipment and services. The total value, if all options are exercised, could be as high as \$234 million.

The Government of Spain has requested a possible sale of logistics support for six leased AH-64A Apache helicopters, ground support equipment, tools and test equipment, spare and repair parts, supply support, publications, personnel training, U.S. Government and contractor technical assistance and other related elements of logistics support. The estimated cost is \$234 million.

This proposed sale will contribute to the foreign policy and national security objectives of the United States by helping to improve the military capabilities of Spain and furthering standardization and interoperability.

Spain will use these aircraft primarily in support of their training program. They are capable of absorbing these aircraft and will be trained in maintenance.

The proposed sale of this equipment and support will not affect the basic military balance in the region.

The principal contractors will be: Boeing Helicopter Company of Mesa, Arizona and Lockheed Martin of Orlando, Florida. There are no offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

Implementation of this proposed sale will require the assignment of two U.S. contractor field service representatives for five years to Spain. Following the delivery of the aircraft, a quality assurance team and U.S. Government representative will be required for a period of one week from delivery.

There will be no adverse impact on U.S. defense readiness as a result of this proposed sale.

This notice of a potential sale is required by law; it does not mean that the sale has been concluded.